(c) same representations had been received by the Government in this regard.

(d) Since the revisions are related to cost inputs of the banks in relation to specific services, there is no proposal to ask the banks to re-examine the matter.

Cardamom crop affected by diseases

319. SHRI C. HARIDAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Cardamom Crop has been badly affected by the 'Azhukkal' and 'Kadacheeyal' diseases;

(b) if so, what are the areas so affected by the said diseases;

(c) what is the annual loss incurred due to the above diseases;

(d) what remedial measures have been taken so far including any research work undertaken to eradicate the diseases; and

(e) if no action has been taken in the matter, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (e) Yes Sir. These are fugal diseases which break out during the monsoon season, and are controlled by prophylactic measures such as spraying of Bordeaux mixture. On account of exceptionally heavy monsoon, 14 per cent of the crop in Idukki district is reported to have been affected by the disease this year. Government of India have sanctioned 50 per cent subsidy for copper sulphate for two rounds of spray of Bordeaux mixture as against subsidy for one round applicable earlier.

Persons for daily wage basis in the nationalised banks

320. SHRI C. HARIDAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of persons are serving the nationalised banks on daily wages:

(b) if so, how many such persons have been working for the last three years continuously, bank-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to make them regular|permanent considering their length for service and experience; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House, to the extent available.

Pay Commission Report

321. SHRI F. M. KHAN:

SHRI SYED AHMED HASHMI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while inaugurating the meeting of the Confederation of the Central Government Employees in Bombay in September, 1985 he had assured that he would ask the Pay Commission to submit its report before the end of the current year; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) No Sir. However, the Finance Minister did say that he would be using his good offices to expedite the submission of the report of the Pay Commission within this financial year. He also clarified that as the Pay Commission is an independent body the Government could not give orders to it.